

Balkans, focusing on policy responses to today's challenges, including current United States and the European Union efforts to maintain stability in the Western Balkans and prepare the countries of the region for European and Euro-Atlantic integration, after receiving testimony from Stuart E. Jones, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; and Bjorn Lyrvall, Director-General for Political Affairs, Foreign Ministry of Sweden, Stockholm.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Bartholomew Chilton, of Maryland, Jill Sommers, of Kansas, and Scott D. O'Malia, of Michigan, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Edward M. Avalos, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, Edward M. Avalos, and Harris D. Sherman, of California, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, both of the Department of Agriculture, and Kenneth Albert Spearman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine international cooperation to modernize financial regulation, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to continue consideration of an original bill entitled "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine exploring United States policy options toward Zimbabwe's transition, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Burma, focusing on its impact and effectiveness, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009", and the nominations of Brenda Dann-Messier, of Rhode Island, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, and Alexa E. Posny, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, both of the Department of Education, and George H. Cohen, of Virginia, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine eight years after 9/11, focusing on confronting the terrorist threat to the homeland, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine controlled substance abuse in Medicaid, 3 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine advancing freedom of information in the New Era of Responsibility, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold hearings to examine responding to the growing need for federal judgeships, focusing on the Federal Judgeship Act of 2009, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs contracts for health services, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine how successful health systems keep costs low and quality high, 11 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review the implementation of the research title of the 2008 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the status of ongoing U.S. efforts in Iraq, 10 a.m., 210 HVC.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Teacher Equity: Effective Teachers for All Children, 11 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2221, Data Accountability and Trust Act; H.R. 1319, Informed P2P User Act; and H.R. 2190, Mercury Pollution Reduction Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Perspectives on the Consumer Financial Protection Agency," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Reforming Credit Rating Agencies," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "The Future of the Registered Traveler Program," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on Cyberbullying and other Online Safety Issues for Children, including the following bills: H.R. 1966, Megan Meier Cyberbullying Prevention Act; and H.R. 3630, Adolescent Web Awareness Requires Education Act, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2489, AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act; H.R. 1471, To expand the boundary of the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, to redesignate the unit as a National Historical Part, and for other purposes; H.R. 2213, To reauthorize the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation